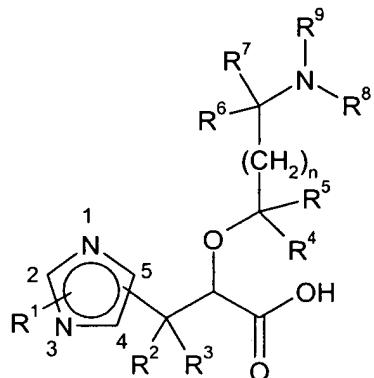


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended) A compound according to formula (I)



(I)

wherein:

n is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R¹ is selected from

- a. an optionally substituted straight chain or branched chain C₁₋₆ alkyl group,
- b. an optionally substituted straight chain or branched chain C₂₋₆ alkenyl group,
- c. an optionally substituted straight chain or branched chain C₂₋₆ alkynyl group,
- d. Aryl,
- e. Aromatic heterocycle,
- f. Heterocycle, and
- g. hydrogen;

where the optional substituents in groups (a), (b) and (c) above are selected from: C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, Aryl, Aromatic heterocycle, Heterocycle, OR¹⁰, NR¹⁰R¹¹, S(O)_pR¹⁰, OC(O)R¹¹, CO₂R¹⁰, CONR¹⁰R¹¹, SO₂NR¹⁰R¹¹, halo and NHSO₂R¹⁰, and where p is 0, 1 or 2;

R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸ and R⁹ are each independently selected from hydrogen and straight chain or branched chain C₁₋₆ alkyl optionally substituted by OR¹⁰ or halo;

R⁵ and R⁸ are each independently selected from hydrogen and straight chain or branched chain C₁₋₆ alkyl optionally substituted by OR¹⁰ or halo, or together are a C₂₋₆ alkylene chain;

R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are each independently selected from hydrogen and straight chain or branched chain C₁₋₆ alkyl;

Aryl is a 6-14 membered aromatic monocyclic or fused polycyclic carbocyclic group optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from R¹², halo, OR¹³, NR¹³R¹⁴, NR¹³CO₂R¹², CO₂R¹³, NR¹³SO₂R¹², CN, haloalkyl, O(haloalkyl), SR¹³, S(O)R¹², SO₂R¹², OC(O)R¹³, SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴, C(O)NR¹³R¹⁴, C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, O(C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl), R¹⁵ and OR¹⁵, where R¹² is straight chain or branched chain C₁₋₆ alkyl, R¹³ and R¹⁴ are each independently selected from hydrogen and straight chain or branched chain C₁₋₆ alkyl, and R¹⁵ is phenyl optionally substituted by R¹², OR¹³, halo or haloalkyl;

Aromatic heterocycle is a 5 to 7 membered aromatic ring containing from 1 to 3 heteroatoms, each independently selected from O, S and N, said ring being optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from OR¹³, NR¹³R¹⁴, CO₂R¹³, NR¹³CO₂R¹², R¹², halo, CN, haloalkyl, O(haloalkyl), SR¹³, S(O)R¹², SO₂R¹², OC(O)R¹³, NR¹³SO₂R¹², SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴ and C(O)NR¹³R¹⁴; and

Heterocycle is a 3 to 8 membered ring containing from 1 to 3 heteroatoms, each independently selected from O, S and N, said ring being saturated or partially saturated, said ring further being optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from OR¹³, NR¹³R¹⁴, CO₂R¹³, NR¹³CO₂R¹⁴, R¹², halo, CN, haloalkyl, O(haloalkyl), SR¹³, S(O)R¹², SO₂R¹², OC(O)R¹³, NR¹³SO₂R¹², SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴ and C(O)NR¹³R¹⁴,

or a tautomer thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound or said tautomer.

Claims 2-30 (Canceled)